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SUBJECT: NEW AUSTRALIAN PROGRAM FOR 2000 INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

REF: A) STATE 73027 B) CANBERRA 2306

1. EMBASSY OFFICER MET MARCH 29 WITH BARRY BOOTHBY, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY, TO DISCUSS THE NEW AUSTRALIAN INDOCHINESE REFUGEE PROGRAM IN THAILAND (REF B). BOOTHBY STATED THAT HE HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY OFFICIAL GUIDANCE FROM CANBERRA CONCERNING THE NEW PROGRAM, AND THAT THE ONLY INFORMATION HE HAS IS FROM THE AUSTRALIAN NEWS RELEASE ANNOUNCING THE PROGRAM MARCH 16. HE ALSO HAD NO INFORMATION CONCERNING WHATEVER AUSTRALIAN PROGRAM MAY BE PLANNED BEYOND JUNE 30.

2. BOOTHBY CONJECTURED, HOWEVER, THAT THE ADDITIONAL 2000 REFUGEES THAT AUSTRALIA WOULD ACCEPT BY THE END OF JUNE MAY BE DIVIDED EVENLY BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND THAILAND, I.E., 1000 REFUGEES FROM EACH COUNTRY.

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ASSUMING THAT 1000 ADDITIONAL REFUGEES WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM THAILAND, BOOTHBY'S GUESS IS THAT HALF WILL BE TAKEN FROM INLAND CAMPS AND HALF FROM BOAT CAMPS.

3. AUSTRALIAN REFUGEE OFFICERS ARE PLANNING MORE FREQUENT VISITS TO CAMPS, AND ESTIMATE THAT THE CURRENT ACCEPTANCE RATE IN THAILAND OF APPROXIMATELY 60 REFUGEES

PER WEEK WILL BE ACCELERATED TO 100 PER WEEK BY THE END
OF APRIL, AND PERHAPS 200 PER WEEK BY JUNE.

4. WE WILL REPORT MORE FULLY WHEN WE HAVE MORE INFORMATION
CONCERNING THE NEW AUSTRALIAN PROGRAM.
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